# REVIEW AND COMMENT BOOKS OF THE WEEK SEEN IN

# CRITICAL REVIEWS OF THE SEASON'S LATEST FICTION

Miss Cleghorn Adopts British Autobiographical Fashion Lilian Bell's Tale of a Kindly Spinster. A Tale of the West of Cowboy Life, and a Tale of the New West of the Movies Wodehouse's Amusing Story. An American Youth at the Front, What Canada Has Done, the Russian Masses, and Other War Subjects.

More Chambers Love Tales.

In The Better Man (Appletons) and interest. Robert W. Chambers has told fifteen Makeshifts for Home Life. love stories, some with the lightness of touch that his readers have come prevails among the younger British will be told.

tertain him and his conversation the interesting study. reader is kept amused by their love affairs to the end. Interest in the child Last of a Musical Trilogy. brings the elder pair together too. little boy is funny and lovable.

for amusement to the study of the yays of criminals. He mixes in their confairs and is abetted by his lovely daughter. The two have all the apposite and of professionals, which does not deter the nerrator, a well to deer the nerrator, a well to do young Englishman, from falling in the father long before he finds out the father long before he finds out the father long before he finds out the truth. The old gentleman enters into the schemes of real criminals in form of mental science treatment. The short story, but a little out of place.

### An Idyl of Manhattan.

Memories of the days when shanties seed goats instead of skyscraper apart-kindliness displayed to the neighbors draws the ranch heroes of the author's A very amusing and bright pack of draws the ranch heroes of the author's A very amusing and bright pack of Wilcox Putnam's Adam's Garden (J. B. Lippincott Company). Her hero has been setting the pace along the Great White Way when he finds himsoil, gathers various interesting dereliets around him and starts a garden. The heroine brings her dog to him to garden and finds that by doing this he of excitement is provided. has fulfilled the condition that restores his fortune to him. The fantastic ro-

with romance. The story has dash

The autobiographical fashion which

to expect of him, some with the prom- writers of fiction has been followed ise of something more. In the first by Sarah N. Cleghorn in The Spinster half dozen or so the scene is laid in the Adirondack woods, where the author seems to have been impressed by ment over the conservation of the for- affection on one girl friend. She has ests. It will be a pity if out of such slasm and writes verse. When old material he does not create something material he does not create something material he does not create something slasm and writes verse. When old enough she goes to Radcliffe College, Ages. All the peoples of Europe were bigger than these graceful trifles which is described, together with its which are popular; he has shown in the past that he is capable of it. In are invariably beautiful and fascinating, love is always of the lightning feelings of her own. She has a sum-self. The city of Zurich was built flash kind and the courtship is bright mer affair of the heart with a literary in the time of Abraham, and the city and expeditious. Two or three of them youth, which possibly affects her more of Naples was founded on eggs. Maare as amusing bits of amatory farce as than it does him, but it ends in noth-Mr. Chambers has written. The reader ing. She gets her verse published in will be grateful to him for all this magazines, but unfortunately she has light hearted love making and will had a view of the East Side of Variable Pope. Two English Archlight hearted love making and will had a view of the East Side of New deacons told all about King Arthur stirring part of the story, and a very through a small loophole. He had lived hope that in time that Adirondack York which affects her conscience and later she becomes excited over socialism, which she approaches through her emotions instead of her reason A very small boy, who is persist- and her story ends with her marchently inquisitive, dominates his elders ing in a socialist parade. Luckily she in Isabel M. Peacocke's My Friend Phil is not yet thirty and has plenty of (Rand, McNally and Company, Chicago). He meets in a dentist's office the right man yet. It is a portrait the narrator, who is a budding law- an unconsciously one sided one, of a yer; a pretty girl, a slender spinster not uncommon type of girl and of edu-and a stout old gentleman and has cation, realistic enough as to external captivated them all by the time his details; of half thought out aspiraloose tooth is out. His growing in-tions that lead naturally enough to timacy with the lawyer brings about dabbling in slum work and social upbetter acquaintance with the girl too. lift and to following blindly false and what with their endeavors to en- prophets. It is a conscientious and

The musical heroine of two previous tales by Daisy Rhodes Campbell is is no great detail, but a fairly cheer- city near the coast would have been bolt from heaven struck down King

the little milliner's shop and will ac- was once a cowboy, and who cannot terested. cept the beneficent advertising manmalevolent newspaper woman or the unlucky surgeons.

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mance is well carried out, though the Turning from the cattle ranges and young woman. His craving for drink villain is rather ridiculous; the waifs the cowboy life which are now de- continues for an unconscionable time, are picturesque and lifelike and the clared extinct B. W. Bower strives to but the combined influence of the street girl is mercilessly realistic. We transfer the interest in The Phantom rancher, the girl and especially the An interesting play which has had

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carried us to Ireland in the year 405

bear using actors for the Wild West ager and his lavish distribution of plays. He plans a picture of the cat-wealth. We regret that none of the should have been extended to the earlier tales into his scheme. His nonsense is unloaded by Pelham Gren-

he becomes attached. He also be- is always bright and flippant and of what was done to them when they comes interested in an attractive sometimes very funny.

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It will be remembered from Buckle might have been an end of him Ages. All the peoples of Europe were interference of Etaine, the landlord's He was more terrible when he flung his shield at Firbis, splitting wide fane curiosity led him to the comvillain at Tailtenn Fair.

The slege of Cathbar's great white castle, which was plastered, makes a in the history of the Britons that they curious part is that which tells how published in the twelfth century. In Conal became King of the Broken Dark there for years. It was explained to kings he had slain. Buckle points panied Dathi, called Quick-With- expostulated with him in vain. "Here, out the difficulty of obtaining credible Arms, son of Nial of the Nine Hostinformation regarding the Middle ages, when that King made his mem-Ages, which have indeed been called orable raid into Gaul. Hing Dathi to his soldiers. The villagers gaththe Dark Ages, presumably because of was a large and powerful figure. He ered and set up a great screaming and wore a green tunic relieved with small On finding that Francis o Sullivan purple dots and tight breeches of saffron cloth. His beard was clipped. tighe's story of 'The Portion of a Champion' (Charles Scribner's Sons) parted and curled golden balls were threaded in the banding leads to the banding lead threaded in his hanging locks, his carried us to Ireland in the year 405 of our era we recalled these submission of our era we recalled these submissions. So doubt the reader

first chapter. What sort of a place will this ancient Irish inn be? There Gaul. The sacking of the opulent became overcast and that presently a The little boy is funny and lovable, this talk is natural and so are the incidents. The story is charming. If the story is charming, If we are not mistaken in January and studying in Paris in The victory is charming. If we are not mistaken in January and studying in Paris in The victory is charming. If we are not mistaken in January and studying in Paris in The victory is charming. If we are not mistaken in January and in January and its proposition of the proposit

safety. She naturally is one of the lawless band and lives in their fastness. A good deal of shooting and a rescue from a blizzard are necessary before she is won. The reader who is a solid take him, which is an out of the way place in a monkey has a large share the nonkey has a large share the latter a construction of the money in his pocket will take him, which is an out of the way place in which a monkey has a large share the one of the money in his pocket will take him, which is an out of the way place in construction. It is a soldier's manual that is clear and wholly comprehensively before she is won. The reader who is the money in his pocket will take him, which is an out of the way place in construction. It is a soldier's manual that is clear and wholly comprehensively before she is won. The reader who is the firing time in a manner that that is clear and wholly comprehensively before she is won. The reader who is the firing time in a manner that the property punished and the property quaintance. He turns his lot with sary before she is won. The reader though constantly tempted he has not great speed into a profitable flower may be assured that the full amount tasted liquor since leaving New York. He subdues a wild stallion to which dangles his puppets that amuses. He of them tried to aid the Germans and

### Plays and Reprints.

are grateful to the author for this effect (Little, Brown and Company) horse pull him through and he makes a long run in New York, Cleves Kinfort to invest the cliff dwellers' region to the taking of moving pictures. Her a long run in New York, Cleves Kin-

which the author exhibits her familiarity with the Chinook dialect, Marah limited to the first year of the war. The book is helpful in that it brings peared, is published in a new edition.



some of you, pluck me out a few stones from this wall." So the King wailing. Dathi turned angrily upon Conal when he interposed. of Bel devour you and your courtesy! tween me and my sport? Is the squawking of these wretches more to sions of Buckle. No doubt the reader will be curious as he enters the roadway inn at the beginning of the roadway in the ro The raiders did shocking work in man's sanctuary, that the clear sky Democratic Russia.

## CONCERNING WAR.

company will not listen to him and ville Wodehouse in Uneasy Money will not employ his real cowboys. So (Appletons). The plot is broadly farciwill not employ his real cowboys. So they combine their resources and try to make the pictures themselves. The proper traditions of violence and proper traditions of violence a

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Band McNally and Company. service. He then proceeds to describe briefly the various kinds of work he fortifications, bridge building, topographical sketching, and so on. He she says that the familiar airs of the does this so plainly that the book barrel organs, which were played in the

Great White Way when he finds himself suddenly cut off from his supplies. He indulges in a final tear, finds himself drunk at dawn on the street in last money for a plane organ and starts up Broadway with it. By the time he reaches Columbia he is tired of the vagabond business and tries to feet the vagabond business are observed by Frank to a beautiful but mercenary and iii to be so musically inclined, young as I the Front (Little, Brown and Company). The author seems to have destructed the feetive story of the struggle, the devices they are put to, the slips that tempered actress. She snubs him and starts for America. He had intended to the same in order to seek his own feelings or motives at any before starting and saile determined to share it with the girl be looks on set in the rightful heir. She is a nice of secuting ambulances. His experiences and independent American and will discipline, training ambulances. His experiences and latter that the feetive story of the struggle, the devices they are put to, the slips that tempered actress. She snubs him and tempered actre sell his organ to a junk dealer living in a shanty on an empty lot near the river. The dealer has the wandering fever; he desappears with the organ, lab thrown over by his disgusted father, but leaves a deed for his other postal but leaves a deed for h wound woman instead of attending to his business or watching for his own buys a railroad tleket as far as the buys a railroad tleket as far as the steamer and has him in the face string. The purpose, avoiding the purpose, avoiding the purpose, avoiding the every man who thinks of serving to every man who thinks of serving in the militia, the army or whatever the purpose, avoiding the purpose avoidin

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